



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2019-0186.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE accepting and approving the Medic
2 One/Emergency Medical Services 2020-2025 Strategic
3 Plan submitted by the executive.

4 **PREAMBLE:**

5 Emergency medical services are among the most important services
6 provided to county residents. Those services include basic and advanced
7 life support, regional medical control and quality improvement,
8 emergency medical technician training, emergency medical dispatch
9 training, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation training,
10 paramedic continuing education, injury prevention education and related
11 services. In combination, those services have made the emergency
12 medical services network in King County an invaluable lifesaving effort
13 and an important part of the quality of life standards afforded residents of
14 the county.

15 The Medic One/emergency medical services system in King County is
16 recognized as one of the best emergency medical services program in the
17 country. With an international reputation for innovation and excellence, it
18 offers uniform medical care regardless of location, incident circumstances,

19 day of the week or time of day.

20 The King County regional system has among the finest of medical
21 outcomes in the world for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. In 2017, the
22 system achieved a fifty-six-percent survival rate for cardiac arrest, which
23 is among the highest-reported rates in the nation. Compared to other
24 communities, Seattle and King County cardiac arrest victims are two to
25 three times more likely to survive.

26 The system's success can be traced to its unique design that is built upon
27 the following components:

- 28 1. Regional, collaborative, crossjurisdictional and coordinated
29 partnerships that allow for "seamless" operations;
- 30 2. Emergency medical services that are derived from the highest
31 standards of medical training, practices and care, scientific evidence and
32 close supervision by physicians experienced in emergency medical
33 services care;
- 34 3. Programmatic leadership and state-of-the-art science-based strategies
35 that allow the system to obtain superior medical outcomes and meet its
36 own needs and expectations, as well as of those of its residents;
- 37 4. Sustained regional focus on operational and financial efficiencies that
38 have led to the system's financial viability and stability, even throughout
39 the economic recession; and
- 40 5. Stable funding by a voter approved levy that makes the services it
41 provides less vulnerable, though not immune, to fluctuations in the

42 economy.

43 King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume
44 responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost
45 efficient development and provision of emergency services throughout the
46 county.

47 The emergency medical services advisory task force was developed via
48 Executive Order PHL - 9-1 - EO for "developing interjurisdictional
49 agreement on an emergency medical services strategic plan and financing
50 package for the 2020-2025 levy funding period, as well as implementing
51 and reviewing programs and studies as directed by the adopted strategic
52 plan."

53 Beginning in January 2018, the emergency medical services advisory task
54 force worked collaboratively with emergency medical services
55 stakeholders to review system needs and regional priorities, and develop
56 programmatic and financial recommendations that ensure the integrity of
57 the world-class Medic One/emergency medical services system is
58 maintained. On September 18, 2018, the emergency medical services
59 advisory task force endorsed its Programmatic Needs Recommendations,
60 which became the foundation of the Medic One/Emergency Medical
61 Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

62 The Medic One/Emergency Medical Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
63 outlines how the region will execute the operational and financial
64 recommendations that the emergency medical services advisory task force

65 endorsed on September 18, 2018. It is the primary policy and financial
66 document that directs the emergency medical services network into the
67 future.

68 The policies embedded within the Medic One/Emergency Medical
69 Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan ensure that the emergency medical
70 services system serving Seattle and King County: remains an adequately
71 funded, regional tiered system; reflects the existing successful medical
72 model; and continues to provide state of the art science-based strategies,
73 programs and leadership.

74 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

75 **SECTION 1.** The council hereby accepts and approves the Medic
76 One/Emergency Medical Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, dated March 2019, which is
77 Attachment A to this ordinance. The recommendations contained in the Medic
78 One/Emergency Medical Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan shall inform and update the
79 provision of emergency medical services throughout King County during the 2020-2025
80 time span.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Medic One - Emergency Medical Services 2020-2025 Strategic Plan